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Report from Matanzas—Diphtheria and enteric fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, January 11, as follows: Week ended January 9, 1904:

Four bills of health were issued to vessels bound for United States ports, leaving in good sanitary condition.

A new case of diphtheria was reported on January 2 and one of enteric fever on January 5, both cases being under treatment, surrounded by proper sanitary precautions.

A death from an infectious fever, probably enteric, has also been reported during same period. The house where the death occurred was thoroughly disinfected as a precautionary measure.

Mortuary statistics for the first ten days of the present month.

Causes of death.	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Fever, infectious.....	1	55
Debility, congenital.....	1	151
Tetanus, infantile.....	1	72
Cardiac disease (unclassified).....	3	79
Tuberculosis.....	5	27
Scrofula.....	1	3
Cardiac accident (unclassified).....	1	86
Broncho-pneumonia.....	1	92
Hemorrhage, cerebral.....	1	64
Senility.....	1	154
Enteritis.....	1	106
Meningitis, tuberculous.....	1	28
Cancer of stomach.....	1	40
Aortitis.....	1	81
Total.....	21

Estimated population, 48,000; annual rate of mortality per 1,000, 15.96.
No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Report from Santiago, month of December, 1903.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, January 8 and 12, as follows:

During the month of December, 1903, bills of health were issued to 13 vessels bound for the United States and Porto Rico. This is the smallest number issued in one month, not only during the year 1903, but also during 1902. It is equaled only by the number for September, 1903. There has been a marked falling off in the shipping during the last six months; also in the number of passengers.

The number of deaths was 79, an increase over that of November, caused by deaths from tuberculous diseases.

No quarantinable disease has been reported during the month. The only contagious diseases were 3 cases of diphtheria, all of which recovered. There were 2 cases of hæmoglobinuric fever; both recovered.

During the first part of December we had frequent light showers, but during the last part the weather was dry.

The general sanitary condition of the city is fair.

Summary of monthly reports for the year 1903.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Bills of health issued	24	21	34	28	28	25	16	19	13	17	18	13
Crews	1,139	953	1,297	896	1,194	855	527	680	454	724	589	407
Passengers	587	405	442	140	423	141	102	243	227	194	269	64
Deaths from yellow fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths from other contagious diseases	<i>a</i> 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>b</i> 1	0
Deaths from all causes (stillbirths not counted)	78	71	80	59	77	121	112	65	60	74	65	79
Cases of quarantinable diseases reported in city	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases of other contagious diseases reported in city	0	0	0	0	<i>a</i> 2	0	<i>a</i> 2	<i>c</i> 7+ <i>a</i> 2	<i>c</i> 2	0	<i>a</i> 2	<i>a</i> 3
Certificates issued for shipping remains of dead bodies to the United States	<i>d</i> 1	<i>e</i> 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	First quarter.	Second quarter.	Third quarter.	Fourth quarter.	First semester.	Second semester.	Yearly totals.
Bills of health issued	79	81	48	48	160	96	256
Crews	3,389	2,945	1,661	1,720	6,334	3,381	9,715
Passengers	1,434	704	572	527	2,138	1,099	3,237
Deaths from yellow fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths from other contagious diseases	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
Deaths from all causes (stillbirths not counted)	229	258	237	218	486	455	941
Cases of quarantinable diseases reported in city	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases of other contagious diseases reported in city	0	2	13	5	2	18	20
Certificates issued for shipping remains of dead bodies to the United States	6	0	0	0	6	0	6

a Diphtheria.*b* Leprosy.*c* Measles.*d* Shipping body to France via New York.*e* American soldiers.

No vessels quarantined, no baggage disinfected, no vaccinations performed.

The number of bills of health issued to vessels bound for the United States and Porto Rico in the second semester is much below that of the first semester and also below the corresponding months of 1902, as will be seen by the following table:

TABLE.

Year.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total, six months.
1902	21	24	20	26	22	22	135
1903	16	19	13	17	18	13	96
Decrease	5	5	7	9	4	9	39

I attribute the falling off partly to the dull season of the year and partly to the establishment of train service to Habana. The latter has undoubtedly affected the passenger service.

Reports for the week ended January 9, 1904.

During the week ended January 9, 1904, bills of health were issued to two vessels bound for the United States. No quarantinable disease has been reported.